

**COATING COMPOSITIONS PROVIDING IMPROVED MAR AND
SCRATCH RESISTANCE AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME**

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ABSTRACT

Coating compositions having improved mar and scratch resistance are disclosed. The coatings generally comprise particles having a hardness sufficient to provide the desired level of scratch and/or mar resistance. The improved resistance is achieved without affecting the appearance or mechanical performance of the coatings. Methods for using the coatings, and the substrates coated therewith, are also disclosed.

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